# Travel Demand Modeling

Dale Schultz

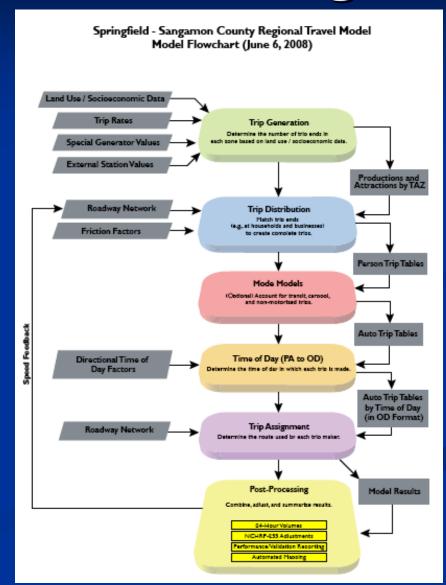
SSCRPC Planning College September 13, 2008





## What is Travel Demand Modeling?

- Representation of travel based on various data sources
  - GIS
  - Traffic Counts
  - Land Use
  - Census Data
- Four Step Process



#### How a model can be used

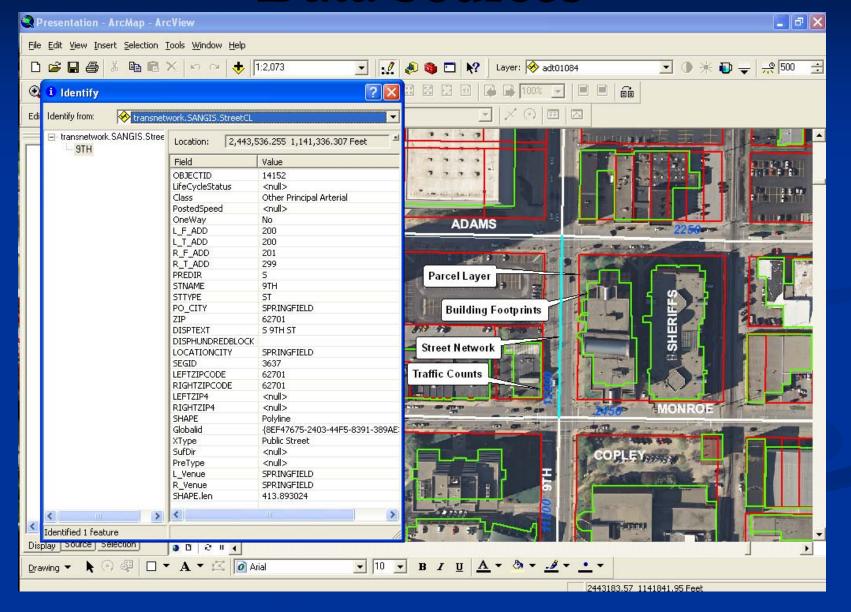
- Review current movements
- Make predictions based on...
  - Changed land use
  - Development
  - New roadway
  - Increased transit ridership
  - Forecasting (Base year vs. Forecast year)
  - Etc...

#### Available Data

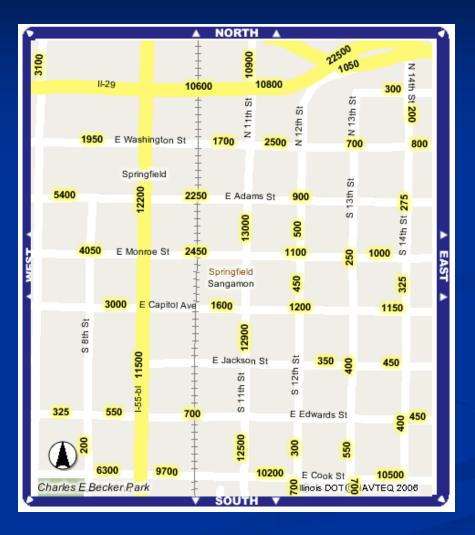
- Sangamon County GIS
  - Street Network
  - Parcel Data
  - Building Footprints
  - Aerial Photo
- IDOT
  - Traffic Counts
- Census
  - Demographics



#### **Data Sources**



### **Data Sources**



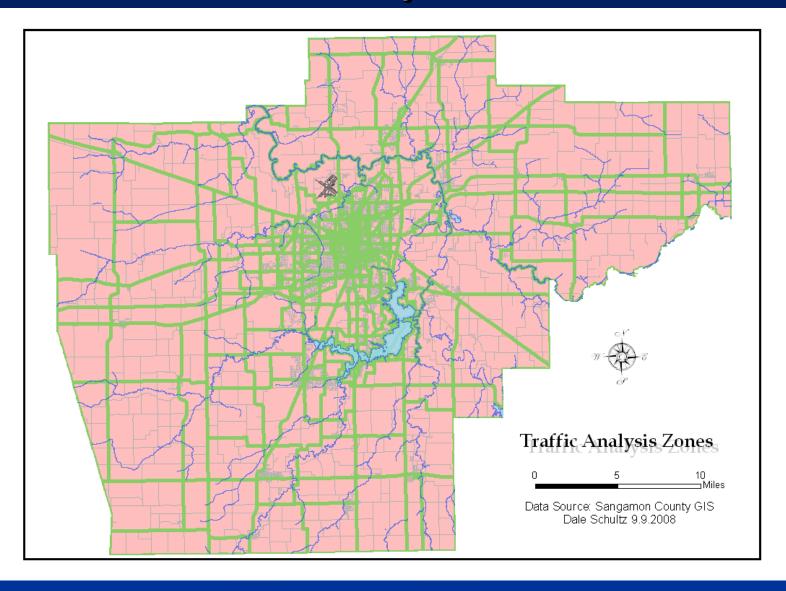
#### **Data Collected**

- Land Use
  - Field Verification
  - Aerial Photos
  - Google Streetview



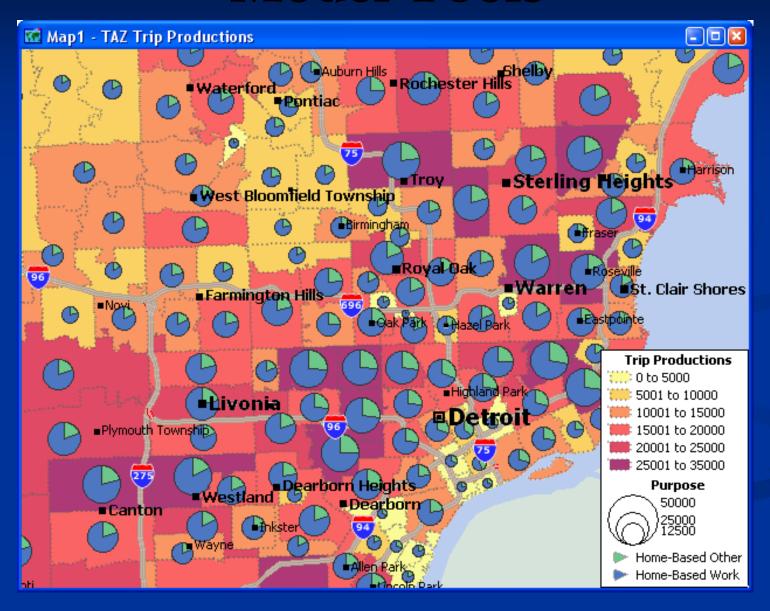


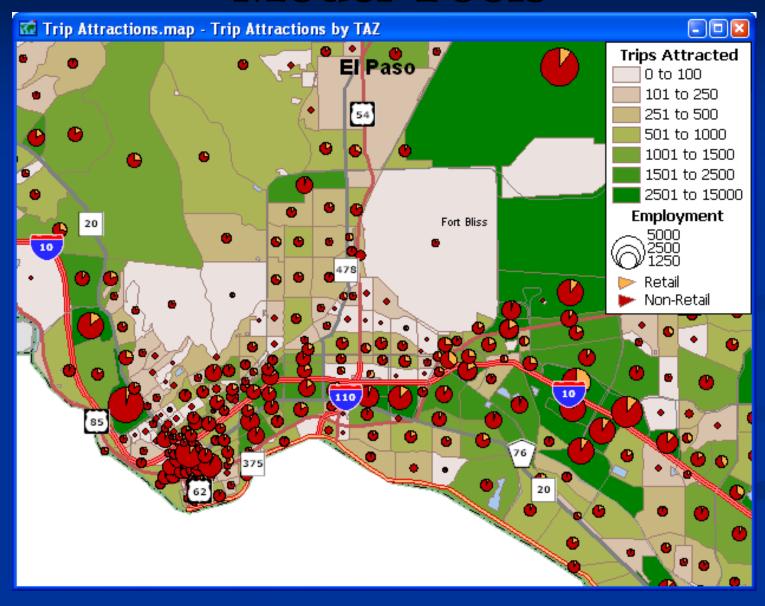
# Traffic Analysis Zones

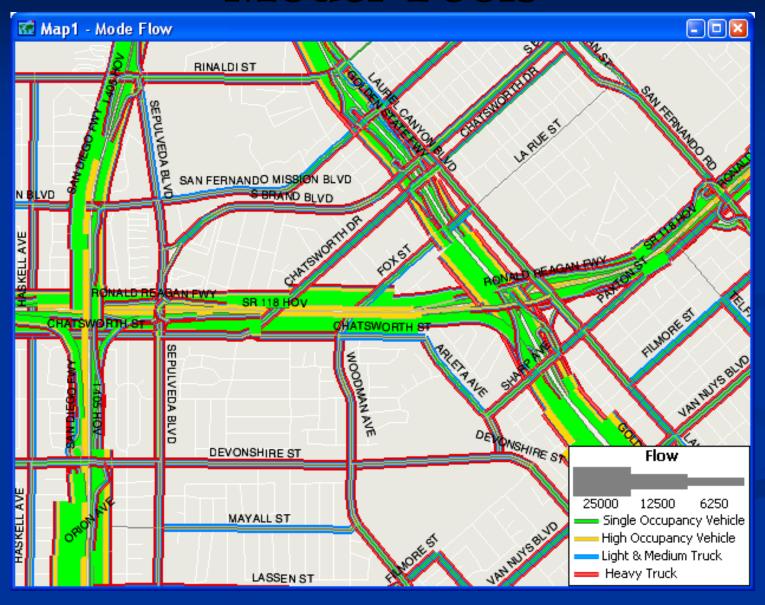


## **Gravity Model**

- The gravity model states that the trips in zone i
- ...will be distributed to each other zone j
- ...according to the relative attractiveness of each zone j
- ...and the relative accessibility of each zone j

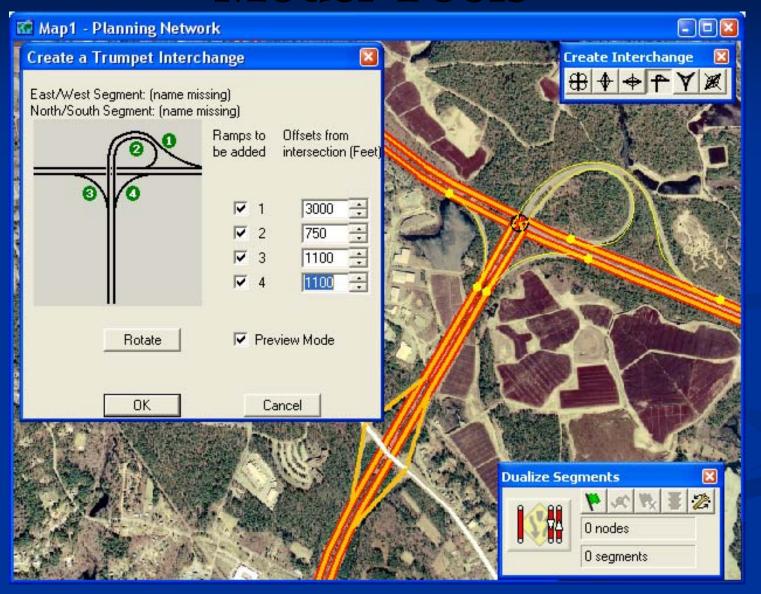












## **Implications**

- Refined estimates
- Prioritization
- Aid policy decisions
- Inclusion in plans
  - Long Range Transportation Plan
  - Transportation Improvement Program
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Transit Operational Analysis

# Maintaining the Model

- Monitor
  - Land Use
  - Street Network
  - Developments
  - Trends in Transportation
- Traffic Counts
- Census Data

## Future Possibilities

Microsimulation



